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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A ~~broadcast-program~~ recording apparatus using EPG data, comprising:

a ~~tuner-section~~ receiver for receiving a current ~~broadcast-program~~ containing ~~broadcast~~ program information;

an EPG decoder section for decoding the received ~~broadcast-program~~ information to output the EPG data, which includes a current time and a ~~broadcast-program~~ start time;

a controller configured to extract recording management information from the decoded EPG data, wherein said controller compares the current time with the ~~broadcast-program~~ start time, outputs a match signal in response to substantial coincidence of time between the current time and the ~~broadcast-program~~ start time, and enters a new desired ~~broadcast-program~~ into said recording management information when the match signal is output so that the new desired ~~broadcast-program~~ is reserved and is automatically entered into the recording management information even when said controller is already managing recording of the current ~~broadcast~~ program, said controller reserving and automatically entering the new desired ~~broadcast-program~~ into the recording management information using said decoded EPG data; and

a recording section for recording the current ~~broadcast-program~~ using the recording management information.

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2. (Currently Amended) A ~~broadcast-program~~ recording apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said EPG decoder section can directly receive ~~broadcast-program~~ information from the Internet.

3. (Currently Amended) A ~~broadcast-program~~ recording apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising
a timing source operating to supply the current time to the controller.

4. (Currently Amended) A ~~broadcast-program~~ recording apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said EPG data includes a receiving channel.

5. (Currently Amended) A ~~broadcast-program~~ recording apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said EPG data includes a broadcasting station name.

6. (Currently Amended) A ~~broadcast-program~~ recording apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said EPG data includes a title of the ~~broadcast-program~~.

7. (Currently Amended) A ~~broadcast-program~~ recording apparatus according to claim 6, wherein said EPG data includes text data edited to include a correlation between the ~~broadcast~~ program start time and the title of the current ~~broadcast-program~~.

8. (Currently Amended) A ~~broadcast-program~~ recording method using EPG data, comprising:

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receiving a current ~~broadcast~~-program including ~~broadcast~~-program information;
decoding the received ~~broadcast~~-program information to output EPG data, which includes
a current time and a ~~broadcast~~-program start time;
extracting recording management information from the decoded EPG data,
comparing the current time with the ~~broadcast~~-program start time;
outputting a match signal in response to substantial coincidence of time between the
current time and the ~~broadcast~~-program start time;
entering a new desired ~~broadcast~~-program into the recording management information
when the match signal is output so that the new desired ~~broadcast~~-program is reserved and is
automatically entered into the recording management information even when recording of the
current ~~broadcast~~-program is in progress,
wherein said decoded EPG data is used to reserve and automatically enter the new
desired ~~broadcast~~-program into the recording management information; and
recording the current ~~broadcast~~-program using the recording management information.

9. (Currently Amended) A ~~broadcast~~-program recording method according to claim 8,
wherein receiving a current ~~broadcast~~-program including ~~broadcast~~-program information
comprises

receiving the ~~broadcast~~-program information from the Internet.

10. (Currently Amended) A ~~broadcast~~-program recording method according to claim 8,
further comprising

receiving the current time from a timing source.

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11. (Canceled)

12. (Currently Amended) A computer program, stored in a tangible storage medium, for use in ~~broadcast~~-program recording, the computer program comprising executable instructions that cause a computer to:

receive a current ~~broadcast~~-program including ~~broadcast~~-program information;

decode the received ~~broadcast~~-program information to output EPG data, which includes a current time and a ~~broadcast~~-program start time;

extract recording management information from the decoded EPG data,

compare the current time with the ~~broadcast~~-program start time;

output a match signal in response to substantial coincidence of time between the current time and the ~~broadcast~~-program start time;

enter a new desired ~~broadcast~~-program into the recording management information when the match signal is output so that the new desired ~~broadcast~~-program is reserved and is automatically entered into the recording management information even when recording of the current ~~broadcast~~-program is in progress,

wherein said decoded EPG data is used to reserve and automatically enter the new desired ~~broadcast~~-program into the recording management information; and

record the current ~~broadcast~~-program using the recording management information.

13. (Currently Amended) A ~~broadcast~~-program recording system using EPG data, comprising:

means for receiving a current ~~broadcast~~-program including ~~broadcast~~-program

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information;

means for decoding the received ~~broadcast-program~~ information to output EPG data, which includes a current time and a ~~broadcast-program~~ start time;

means for extracting recording management information from the decoded EPG data,

means for comparing the current time with the ~~broadcast-program~~ start time;

means for outputting a match signal in response to substantial coincidence of time between the current time and the ~~broadcast-program~~ start time;

means for entering a new desired ~~broadcast-program~~ into the recording management information when the match signal is output so that the new desired ~~broadcast-program~~ is reserved and is automatically entered into the recording management information even when recording of the current ~~broadcast-program~~ is in progress,

wherein said decoded EPG data is used to reserve and automatically enter the new desired ~~broadcast-program~~ into the recording management information; and

means for recording the current ~~broadcast-program~~ using the recording management information.